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TANKS */

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SUMMARY	
Executive Summary:	The September 2005 Joint Meeting adopted a restriction to the standard EN13317, requiring materials for manhole covers to comply with EN13094. However no transitional measure for existing tanks was adopted, the United Kingdom now proposes that the Joint Meeting adopts such a transitional measure.
Action to be taken:	Add a new transitional measure in 1.6.3.
Background Papers:	INF 14 Germany (September 2005) INF 63 Tanks Working Group Report (September 2005) TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/100/ADD.2

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Introduction

1. The September 2005 Joint Meeting adopted an amendment to restrict EN13317 by requiring all materials for manhole covers to comply with EN13094 from 2007 (6.8.2.6). However, unusually no transitional measure for existing tanks was adopted. Therefore the United Kingdom proposes adopting a new transitional measure to allow existing tanks to continue to use their existing manhole covers until their next periodic inspection.

Proposal

2. Add a new transitional measure as follows:

For ADR:

1.6.3.X Fixed tanks (tank vehicles) and demountable tanks constructed before 1 January 2007 in accordance with the requirements of 6.8.2.6 in relation to the properties of the material for manhole cover assemblies applicable up to 31 December 2006 but which do not, however, conform to these requirements of 6.8.2.6 applicable from 1 January 2007 may continue to be used until the next periodic inspection.

Justification and Safety implications

3. It is established practice to add a transitional measure for changes to tank construction requirements to allow a period for industry to meet the new requirements. There are no safety implications as tanks with these manhole covers are currently in use and have a very good safety record.

Feasibility and Enforceability

4. It would be impractical to require existing tanks to comply with the changes in ADR 2007 from 2007. Therefore a transitional period is needed of up to 2013 to allow compliance through fitting of new manhole covers at routine periodic inspections.
